## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

11. (NEW) An information carrier, comprising: a substrate;

tracks on the substrate carrying real-time information and playback parameters related thereto, the real-time information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval.

12. (NEW) The information carrier of claim 5, wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.

## 13. (NEW) A player comprising:

reading means for retrieving from an information carrier realtime information and playback parameters related thereto, the realtime information being represented by units having a variable amount of compressed data, the playback parameters include an access list having entries, each subsequent entry being assigned to a subsequent interval of a fixed playback time and containing a pointer to a unit for playing in the interval, and

processing means for processing the playback parameters, and for accessing the real-time information at a selected playback time by processing the access list.

- 14. (New) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means calculate a pointer to a unit within an interval by interpolating between pointer values of two adjacent entries.
- 15. (NEW) The player of claim 14, wherein: the playback parameters include a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval; and the processing means correct the calculated pointer by the margin parameter.
- 16. (NEW) The player of claim 13, wherein the processing means store the access list in a memory.
- 17. (NEW) The player of claim 13, wherein the playback parameters include a length parameter indicative of the fixed playback time and/or a margin parameter indicative of a correction of a calculated pointer of a unit within the interval.
- 18. (NEW) The player of claim 17, wherein the processing means calculate a pointer to a unit within an interval by interpolating between pointer values of two adjacent entries.
- 19. (NEW) The player of claim 18, wherein the processing means correct the calculated pointer by the margin parameter.
- 20. (NEW) Playback device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the processing means store the access list in a memory.